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USIA DIRECTOR KEOGH FROM SAXBE

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SUBJECT: REPLACEMENT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER

1. I AM VERY SORRY TO SEE HEMSING LEAVE BUT, AS I TOLD HIM,
I AM GLAD IT IS FOR SO IMPORTANT AN ASSIGNMENT AS RFE.

2. HIS UNFORESEEN DEPARTURE, ESPECIALLY WHEN COUPLED WITH THE
NEWS THAT YOU WERE PLANNING TO PULL OUT GILMORE IN EARLY
FEBRUARY FOR LANGUAGE SCHOOL, OBVIOUSLY PRESENTS US BOTH
WITH A PROBLEM. MY PERSONAL PREFERENCE WOULD HAVE BEEN TO
SEE GILMORE TAKE OVER AS PAO HERE BY EXTENDING HIS TOUR BY A
YEAR. BUT DON SAYS THAT HE LOOKS FORWARD TO THE BOGOTA ASSIGN-
MENT AND I WOULD NOT WANT TO STAND IN THE WAY OF USIA'S PLANS
AND HIS. I TRUST HOWEVER THAT YOU WILL WORK SOMETHING OUT
THAT WILL PROVIDE FOR A SMOOTH TRANSITION IN USIS LEADERSHIP
HERE.

3. HAVE YOU ANY OUTSTANDING PAO CANDIDATES WHO COULD COME
ON BOARD IN INDIA ON SHORT NOTICE? ONE NAME I HAVE HEARD OF
IS THAT OF HAROLD SCHNEIDMAN, WHO I UNDERSTAND PRESENTLY
HEADS THE DIVISION WHICH BACKSTOPS OUR LIBRARIES AND SPEAKER
PROGRAM.

4. I NEED A MAN FOR THIS JOB WHO HAS HEMSING'S QUALITIES.
HE SHOULD BE A GOOD AND CALM MANAGER. HE NEEDS THE DIPLOMATIC
SKILL TO RUN AN EFFECTIVE PROGRAM WITHIN THE LIMITATIONS
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IMPOSED UPON US BY GOI REGULATIONS AND THE VERY UNEVEN

CLIMATE OF OUR RELATIONS. THIS REQUIRES A MAN WHO BOTH KNOWS
HOW TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF AN OPPORTUNITY WHICH PRESENTS ITSELF
AND KNOWS WHEN TO RESTRAIN HIS ORGANIZATION FROM TOO
AGGRESSIVE ACTIVITIES WHICH MIGHT BRING FURTHER RESTRICTIONS
ON US. ABOVE ALL, I NEED SOMEONE WHO WILL BE ABLE TO ACCEPT
THE FRUSTRATIONS WHICH PLAGUE US ALL IN INDIA TODAY.

5. I WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD LET ME

KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SOMETHING ABOUT THE CANDIDATES
WHO MIGHT BE AVAILABLE FOR THIS KEY POSITION. I ATTACH GREAT
IMPORTANCE TO WHAT USIS DOES IN INDIA AND I CONSIDER THAT
THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER IS ONE OF MY MOST SENIOR AND
CONSEQUENTIAL ADVISORS.
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